

Laos: Persecution of Lao Hmong Christians, Animists, Buddhist Dissident Believers Intensifies

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The persecution, imprisonment and killing of minority Christians and independent Animist and Buddhist groups who seek to worship in freedom outside the control of the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR) government's control in Laos has intensified.

Release International, Open Doors, Compass Direct, International Christian Concern, Persecution International, Human Rights Watch for Lao Religious Freedom (HRWLRF), Christian Aid, Voice of the Martyrs, Barnabas Fund, the Lao Movement for Human Rights (LMHR), the Lao Hmong Human Rights Council (LHHRC), **the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)**

, United League for Democracy in Laos (ULDL), Hmong Advance, Inc. (HA), Hmong Advancement, Inc. (HAI), Lao and Hmong student organizations, the Center for Public Policy Analysis (CPPA) and others have documented the upswing in efforts by the LPDR to use its military and security forces to seek to oppress religious believers who operate independently of the LPDR regime.